

PROJECT OVERSIGHT REPORT

Department of Licensing Biometrics Project

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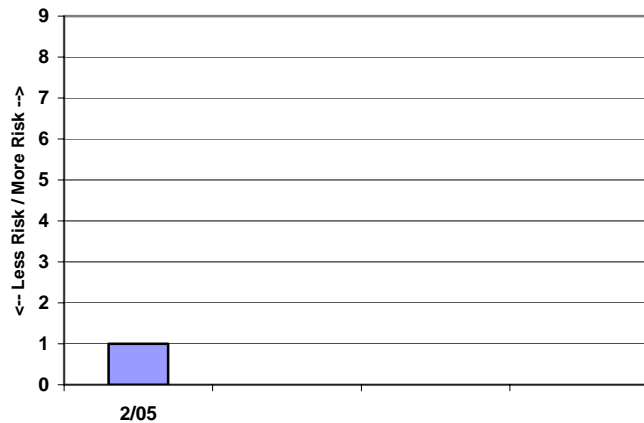
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Severity/Risk Rating: Medium (Severity low, risk low)

Oversight: Level 3 – ISB

Overall Project Risk Assessment



ISB Staff Recommendations: There are no recommendations at this time. This is the initial project report.

Issues/Risks: Scope change could occur if either the Governor's Office or Legislature changes policy direction. The vendor could fail to deliver the software on time and within budget.

Risks/Mitigation Tasks:

Risks associated with this project are being managed in the following ways:

- A project organization includes a Project Manager, Project Team, Requirements Analyst, Technical Lead and Business Lead.
- A steering committee involving key internal stakeholders will be established to govern and oversee this project.
- Risk mitigation, issue management, and change control will be addressed at each project meeting and assignments made as necessary.
- Development of the biometrics system will be completed by Digimarc, the current Improved Driver License (IDL) system vendor, as a component of IDL.

Status:

Life Cycle Stage: The project is in the detailed requirements definition stage.

Schedule: The schedule will be completed later this month after the requirements are completed. The authorizing legislation requires implementation by January 1, 2006.

Project Management: The project has agency executive and ISB Staff oversight. Mary Jelvik was named project coordinator for the Biometrics Project. ISB Staff will be a member of the project steering committee and will provide oversight and recommendations for compliance with ISB requirements.

Background Information:

During the 2004 legislative session, the third substitute Senate Bill 5412 passed, finding that most common types of identity theft and other fraudulent activity are accomplished by obtaining a fraudulently issued driver's license or identification card. The bill requires that by January 1, 2006, DOL implement a voluntary biometric matching system to verify the identity of an applicant for a renewal or duplicate driver's license or identification card.

DOL plans to contract for software development to implement a biometric matching system that will reduce and prevent identity theft and other fraud associated with the issuance of driver's licenses and identification cards. This investment will implement software capable of biometric facial matching recognition. This technology will be used to confirm the identity of an applicant during the driver's license or identification card renewal process by comparing their facial features to those on record in the state's database of driver license images. This is intended to be a one-to-one comparison versus a one-to-many. Facial recognition tools are increasingly being used by motor vehicle and law enforcement agencies to combat identification fraud and related criminal activities.

Budget: The project budget is \$387,000.